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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2177
Docket No.: 1075.1122**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Confirmation No. 3826

Filed: December 16, 1999

Examiner: Sathyanarayan R. Pannala

For: **STRUCTURED DOCUMENT PREPARATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH A STRUCTURED DOCUMENT IS RECORDED**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on October 24, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 25, 2002 (November 24, 2002 being a Sunday). Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by November 25, 2002.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 9, and 13 in accordance with the following:

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- ~~1. (AS TWICE AMENDED) A structured document creation method for creating a structured document in accordance with a predetermined document type definition, comprising : preparing at least one document instance which presents a contents of said structured document, and a document type definition which defines a document structure of said structured~~

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